



$$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{3}{2}^+) \text{ Status: } ****$$

The unambiguous discovery in both production and decay was by BARNES 64. The quantum numbers have not actually been measured, but follow from the assignment of the particle to the baryon decuplet. DEUTSCHMANN 78 and BAUBILLIER 78 rule out $J = 1/2$ and find consistency with $J = 3/2$.

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Ω^- MASS

The fit assumes the Ω^- and $\bar{\Omega}^+$ masses are the same, and averages them together.

<u>VALUE (MeV)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
1672.45±0.29 OUR FIT				
1672.43±0.32 OUR AVERAGE				
1673 ±1	100	HARTOUNI	85 SPEC	80–280 GeV $K_L^0 C$
1673.0 ±0.8	41	BAUBILLIER	78 HBC	8.25 GeV/c $K^- p$
1671.7 ±0.6	27	HEMINGWAY	78 HBC	4.2 GeV/c $K^- p$
1673.4 ±1.7	4	¹ DIBIANCA	75 DBC	4.9 GeV/c $K^- d$
1673.3 ±1.0	3	PALMER	68 HBC	$K^- p$ 4.6, 5 GeV/c
1671.8 ±0.8	3	SCHULTZ	68 HBC	$K^- p$ 5.5 GeV/c
1674.2 ±1.6	5	SCOTTER	68 HBC	$K^- p$ 6 GeV/c
1672.1 ±1.0	1	² FRY	55 EMUL	
••• We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. •••				
1671.43±0.78	13	³ DEUTSCH...	73 HBC	$K^- p$ 10 GeV/c
1671.9 ±1.2	6	³ SPETH	69 HBC	See DEUTSCHMANN 73
1673.0 ±8.0	1	ABRAMS	64 HBC	$\rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^0$
1670.6 ±1.0	1	² FRY	55B EMUL	
1615	1	⁴ EISENBERG	54 EMUL	

¹DIBIANCA 75 gives a mass for each event. We quote the average.

²The FRY 55 and FRY 55B events were identified as Ω^- by ALVAREZ 73. The masses assume decay to ΛK^- at rest. For FRY 55B, decay from an atomic orbit could Doppler shift the K^- energy and the resulting Ω^- mass by several MeV. This shift is negligible for FRY 55 because the Ω decay is approximately perpendicular to its orbital velocity, as is known because the Λ strikes the nucleus (L.Alvarez, private communication 1973). We have calculated the error assuming that the orbital n is 4 or larger.

³Excluded from the average; the Ω^- lifetimes measured by the experiments differ significantly from other measurements.

⁴The EISENBERG 54 mass was calculated for decay in flight. ALVAREZ 73 has shown that the Ω interacted with an Ag nucleus to give $K^- \Xi Ag$.

$\bar{\Omega}^+$ MASS

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1672.45 ± 0.29 OUR FIT				
1672.5 ± 0.7 OUR AVERAGE				
1672 ± 1	72	HARTOUNI	85 SPEC	80–280 GeV $K_L^0 C$
1673.1 ± 1.0	1	FIRESTONE	71B HBC	12 GeV/c $K^+ d$

$$(m_{\Omega^-} - m_{\bar{\Omega}^+}) / m_{\Omega^-}$$

A test of *CPT* invariance.

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
(−1.44 ± 7.98) × 10^{−5}	CHAN	98 E756	p Be, 800 GeV

Ω^- MEAN LIFE

Measurements with an error $> 0.1 \times 10^{-10}$ s have been omitted. The fit assumes the Ω^- and $\bar{\Omega}^+$ mean lives are the same, and averages them together.

<u>VALUE (10^{−10} s)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
The data in this block is included in the average printed for a previous datablock.				
0.821 ± 0.011 OUR FIT				
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0.817 ± 0.013 ± 0.018	6934	CHAN	98 E756	p Be, 800 GeV
0.811 ± 0.037	1096	LUK	88 SPEC	p Be 400 GeV
0.823 ± 0.013	12k	BOURQUIN	84 SPEC	SPS hyperon beam
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0.822 ± 0.028	2437	BOURQUIN	79B SPEC	See BOURQUIN 84

$\bar{\Omega}^+$ MEAN LIFE

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The data in this block is included in the average printed for a previous datablock.				
0.821 ± 0.011 OUR FIT				
0.823 ± 0.031 ± 0.022	1801	CHAN	98 E756	p Be, 800 GeV

$$(\tau_{\Omega^-} - \tau_{\bar{\Omega}^+}) / \tau_{\Omega^-}$$

A test of *CPT* invariance. Our calculation, from the preceding two data blocks.

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>
-0.002 ± 0.040 OUR ESTIMATE	

Ω^- MAGNETIC MOMENT

<u>VALUE (μ_N)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
-2.02 ± 0.05 OUR AVERAGE				
-2.024 ± 0.056	235k	WALLACE	95 SPEC	Ω^- 300-550 GeV
-1.94 ± 0.17 ± 0.14	25k	DIEHL	91 SPEC	Spin-transfer production

Ω^- DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level
$\Gamma_1 \Lambda K^-$	(67.8 ± 0.7) %	
$\Gamma_2 \Xi^0 \pi^-$	(23.6 ± 0.7) %	
$\Gamma_3 \Xi^- \pi^0$	(8.6 ± 0.4) %	
$\Gamma_4 \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	(4.3 ^{+3.4} _{-1.3}) × 10 ⁻⁴	
$\Gamma_5 \Xi(1530)^0 \pi^-$	(6.4 ^{+5.1} _{-2.0}) × 10 ⁻⁴	
$\Gamma_6 \Xi^0 e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	(5.6 ± 2.8) × 10 ⁻³	
$\Gamma_7 \Xi^- \gamma$	< 4.6 × 10 ⁻⁴	90%
$\Delta S = 2$ forbidden (<i>S2</i>) modes		
$\Gamma_8 \Lambda \pi^-$	<i>S2</i> < 1.9 × 10 ⁻⁴	90%

Ω^- BRANCHING RATIOS

The BOURQUIN 84 values (which include results of BOURQUIN 79B, a separate experiment) are much more accurate than any other results, and so the other results have been omitted.

<u>$\Gamma(\Lambda K^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	Γ_1/Γ
0.678 ± 0.007	14k	BOURQUIN	84 SPEC	SPS hyperon beam	
0.686 ± 0.013	1920	BOURQUIN	79B SPEC	See BOURQUIN 84	

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<u>$\Gamma(\Xi^0 \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	Γ_2/Γ
0.236 ± 0.007	1947	BOURQUIN	84 SPEC	SPS hyperon beam	
0.234 ± 0.013	317	BOURQUIN	79B SPEC	See BOURQUIN 84	

$\Gamma(\Xi^- \pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_3/Γ

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
0.086±0.004	759	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
0.080±0.008	145	BOURQUIN	79B	SPEC See BOURQUIN 84

$\Gamma(\Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_4/Γ

<u>VALUE (units 10⁻⁴)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
4.3^{+3.4}_{-1.3}	4	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam

$\Gamma(\Xi(1530)^0 \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_5/Γ

<u>VALUE (units 10⁻⁴)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
6.4^{+5.1}_{-2.0}	4	⁵ BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam

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 ~ 20 1 BOURQUIN 79B SPEC See BOURQUIN 84
⁵The same 4 events as in the previous mode, with the isospin factor to take into account $\Xi(1530)^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$ decays included.

$\Gamma(\Xi^0 e^- \bar{\nu}_e)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_6/Γ

<u>VALUE (units 10⁻³)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
5.6±2.8	14	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
~ 10	3	BOURQUIN	79B	SPEC See BOURQUIN 84

$\Gamma(\Xi^- \gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_7/Γ

<u>VALUE (units 10⁻⁴)</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
< 4.6	90	0	ALBUQUERQ...94	E761	Ω^- 375 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
<22	90	9	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam
<31	90	0	BOURQUIN	79B	SPEC See BOURQUIN 84

$\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ Γ_8/Γ

$\Delta S=2$. Forbidden in first-order weak interaction.

<u>VALUE (units 10⁻⁴)</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
< 1.9	90	0	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
<13	90	0	BOURQUIN	79B	SPEC See BOURQUIN 84

Ω^- DECAY PARAMETERS

α FOR $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$

Some early results have been omitted.

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
-0.026±0.023 OUR AVERAGE				
-0.028±0.047	6953	CHAN	98	E756 p Be, 800 GeV
-0.034±0.079	1743	LUK	88	SPEC p Be 400 GeV
-0.025±0.028	12k	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC SPS hyperon beam

α FOR $\bar{\Omega}^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}K^+$

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
+0.017±0.077	1823	CHAN	98 E756	p Be, 800 GeV

$[\alpha(\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-) + \alpha(\bar{\Omega}^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}K^+)]/2$

Zero if CP is conserved. Calculated from the preceding two datablocks.

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID
-0.004±0.040 OUR ESTIMATE	

α FOR $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^-$

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
+0.09±0.14	1630	BOURQUIN	84 SPEC	SPS hyperon beam

α FOR $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^0$

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
+0.05±0.21	614	BOURQUIN	84 SPEC	SPS hyperon beam

Ω^- REFERENCES

We have omitted some papers that have been superseded by later experiments. See our earlier editions.

CHAN	98	PR D58 072002	A.W. Chan <i>et al.</i>	(FNAL E756 Collab.)
WALLACE	95	PRL 74 3732	N.B. Wallace <i>et al.</i>	(MINN, ARIZ, MICH+)
ALBUQUERQ...	94	PR D50 R18	I.F. Albuquerque <i>et al.</i>	(FNAL E761 Collab.)
DIEHL	91	PRL 67 804	H.T. Diehl <i>et al.</i>	(RUTG, FNAL, MICH+)
LUK	88	PR D38 19	K.B. Luk <i>et al.</i>	(RUTG, WISC, MICH, MINN)
HARTOUNI	85	PRL 54 628	E.P. Hartouni <i>et al.</i>	(COLU, ILL, FNAL)
BOURQUIN	84	NP B241 1	M.H. Bourquin <i>et al.</i>	(BRIS, GEVA, HEIDP+)
Also	79	PL 87B 297	M.H. Bourquin <i>et al.</i>	(BRIS, GEVA, HEIDP+)
BOURQUIN	79B	PL 88B 192	M.H. Bourquin <i>et al.</i>	(BRIS, GEVA, HEIDP+)
BAUBILLIER	78	PL 78B 342	M. Baubillier <i>et al.</i>	(BIRM, CERN, GLAS+)
DEUTSCH...	78	PL 73B 96	M. Deutschmann <i>et al.</i>	(AACH3, BERL, CERN+)
HEMINGWAY	78	NP B142 205	R.J. Hemingway <i>et al.</i>	(CERN, ZEEM, NIJM+)
DIBIANCA	75	NP B98 137	F.A. Dibianca, R.J. Endorf	(CMU)
ALVAREZ	73	PR D8 702	L.W. Alvarez	(LBL)
DEUTSCH...	73	NP B61 102	M. Deutschmann <i>et al.</i>	(ABCLV Collab.)
FIRESTONE	71B	PRL 26 410	I. Firestone <i>et al.</i>	(LRL)
SPETH	69	PL 29B 252	R. Speth <i>et al.</i>	(AACH, BERL, CERN, LOIC+)
PALMER	68	PL 26B 323	R.B. Palmer <i>et al.</i>	(BNL, SYRA)
SCHULTZ	68	PR 168 1509	P.F. Schultz <i>et al.</i>	(ILL, ANL, NWES+)
SCOTTER	68	PL 26B 474	D. Scotter <i>et al.</i>	(BIRM, GLAS, LOIC+)
ABRAMS	64	PRL 13 670	G.S. Abrams <i>et al.</i>	(UMD, NRL)
BARNES	64	PRL 12 204	V.E. Barnes <i>et al.</i>	(BNL)
FRY	55	PR 97 1189	W.F. Fry, J. Schneps, M.S. Swami	(WISC)
FRY	55B	NC 2 346	W.F. Fry, J. Schneps, M.S. Swami	(WISC)
EISENBERG	54	PR 96 541	Y. Eisenberg	(CORN)